



## CURT CASTAGNA, C.M.

**PRESIDENT & CEO  
NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION  
ASSOCIATION (NATA)**

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### PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

- 40 Years of Experience
- B.A. Public Administration with Transportation Emphasis, California State University, Long Beach
- A.S., Aviation Management, Cypress Community College
- Certified Instrument-Rated Pilot

### HONORS

Recipient of numerous community and industry recognitions for distinguished service in advancing airport and aviation issues including:

- Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives
- National Business Aviation Association Silk Scarf Award
- SoCal Aviation Association Wings Award

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Curt Castagna, C.M. was named the 11th President and CEO of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) in August 2022. Prior to this post, he served over six years as an NATA Board Member including two years as Board Chair and one year as Immediate Past Chair.

Castagna has a diverse background in general aviation and more than 40 years of proven expertise in all aspects of airport development, aviation consulting, and management services.

Castagna also serves in his concurrent role of President and CEO of the Aerolease and Aeroplex business entities, which include general aviation and business aircraft centers, located at the Long Beach, Van Nuys, and Dallas Love Airports. His firm also oversees the majority of the management of the City of Santa Monica's aviation real estate, leasing and self-serve fueling operations.

In addition to overseeing the complete development, construction, management, leasing, sales, and service and promotion of complex and diverse aviation projects, Castagna has a long history of taking leadership roles in airport tenant and aviation trade associations. In his roles as NATA President and CEO, immediate past Chairman of the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission, and certified member of the American Association of Airport Executives, he is recognized by his peers and colleagues for establishing collaborative partnerships when negotiating through complex general aviation challenges, while maintaining a focus on compromise and consensus building.

Devoted to mentoring future aviation professionals, he has over 30 years of experience as an adjunct professor, teaching various classes in the Aviation Administration Bachelor of Science program at California State University, Los Angeles and the Associate Degree program at Cypress Community College.

A certified private and instrument-rated pilot, Castagna's background and experience bring great value to every NATA member and client.



## EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### **Van Nuys, Long Beach and Dallas Love Airports, California**

#### **Construction and Business Development**

Managed remediation and new construction of a new 100,000-gallon underground storage facility at the Long Beach Airport in 1998

- Managed construction of a 25,000 square-foot general aviation hangar development for multiple tenants and uses in 2000.
- Completed site preparation, building design, entitlement, construction and project management of a new \$15 million 106,000 square-foot business aviation complex at Van Nuys Airport in 2008.
- Completed redevelopment and \$3 million remodel of an existing 160,000 square-foot corporate aviation complex at Van Nuys Airport in 2009.
- Initiated site preparation, building design, entitlement, construction and project management of a new \$10 million 50,000 square-foot business aviation complex completed at Dallas Love Airport in 2020.
- Initiated site preparation, building design, entitlement, construction and project management of a new \$15 million 65,000 square-foot business aviation complex at Van Nuys Airport completed in 2021.

#### **Lease Negotiation and Management**

Operating manager of multiple aviation facilities, encompassing over 40 acres of aviation land and 750,000 square feet of various sized hangars, office buildings and shop spaces.

- Oversaw the selection and appraisal process of multiple master lease facilities at Van Nuys and Long Beach Airports.
- Managed the communications and negotiation of land valuations and appraisals for several master tenant locations at Van Nuys Airport.
- Spearheaded the resolution and mitigation of impacts resulting from the complete renovation of the main runway at the Van Nuys Airport in 2012/13.



## COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- President, Van Nuys and Long Beach Airport Tenant Associations
- Past Board Chair, National Air Transportation Association
- Member, National Business Aviation Association Airports Committee
- Member, National Air Transportation Association President's Leadership Council
- Member, LA County Aviation Commission (County Supervisor appointment)
- Past member, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Founder, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Airport Area Business Council
- Past Member, Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission (Mayoral appointment)
- Past Chair, Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission Noise and Outreach Subcommittee
- Member, Long Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors